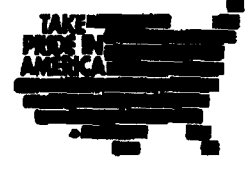


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Memorandum

To: Regional Director, Intermountain Region
From: Superintendent, North Cascades National Park Service Complex
Subject: Services provided by Equipment Manager Wally Salonka

We greatly appreciate the assistance Wally Solonka provided North Cascades National Park Service Complex (NOCA) in the purchase of a new boat for Ross Lake.

Wally's savvy and expertise in hull design and propulsion packages were very helpful as we finalized specifications for the new vessel. His familiarity with boat manufacturers helped steer us away from inferior products and encouraged us to acquire the equipment we needed from a reputable manufacturer on GSA contract. Wally's visits to the manufacturer while the boat was under construction saved us unnecessary worry of contract oversight and allowed for minor improvements to be done at no cost. We can not overstate the value of Wally's involvement in this process.

We took delivery of the boat on October 17, 1997. After its maiden voyage on Ross Lake, staff members agreed that we have added an extremely functional and valuable boat to our fleet. We are impressed with the design, craftsmanship and performance of this vessel. In all respects, it exceeds our expectations.

Thank you for making Wally available to assist us. Without his solid support, we would not have been able to acquire a boat of such quality.

William F. Paleck

cc: Reynolds, PWRO
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